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SUBJECT: VATICAN- LEBANON RELATIONS

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1. VATICAN INFORMED US MAY 14 THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S INTENDED TRIP TO THE VATICAN HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY DUE TO PRESENT LEBANESE POLITICAL CRISIS. SOURCE INFORMED US THAT IT IS WELL- ESTABLISHED TRADITION FOR A LEBANESE PRESIDENT TO MAKE HIS FIRST FOREIGN VISIT TO THE HOLY FATHER. WHEN IN ROME ON SUCH VISIT, THE LEBANESE PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE CONTACTS WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, A UNIQUE EXCEPTION TO NORMAL PRACTICE.

2. POPE PAUL MAY 11 RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF LEBANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DUSRL BIEL BADARO. POPE TOLD GROUP THAT HE FOLLOWING WITH ANXIETY GRAVE DIFFICULTIES WHICH SHAKING LEBANON, AND EXPRESSED HIS PRAYERFUL HOPE THAT A JUST SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND WHICH ASSURES PEACE AND SECURITY. VOLPE

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